

# SIREN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**“The mission of the Siren Chamber of Commerce is to assist local businesses and our community to grow and prosper.”**

**ATTENDEES:** Robyn Beek(absent), Mike Swanson, Josie Penberthy, April Highstrom, Shelly Easterbrook, Hazel Almquist, Juli Kannenberg(absent), Wayne Koball, Dave Alden

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Mike made a motion to accept as read. Shellie 2nd motion. M/C

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Hazel will get list on who we haven’t touched base with for memberships. Checkbook up to date. Mike made a motion to accept. Josie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. M/C

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Float update:** Reached out to school and it appears we have their attention. The float was moved out of storage, the school is updating the signs and will have the float in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. The school will be getting organized with the scholarship program and youth groups. Float will be in the Frederic Family days parade on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We have opted out of the Spooner Rodeo parade as there is a fee. Wayne gave update on float in parade. Chambers will give a \$50.00 chambers bucks to Neil griffin for time. Discussed storage of float. Possibly on Dave’s property. Tracy Finch will get a driver for the parades if needed. Karlee Sybers will be on float.
2. **Music in the Park:** Received payment from tourism for MITP to cover the loss from last year. Pinewood will sponsor. Will pass around a donation jar to help with cost.
3. **Wedding Fair Update:** Ads have been placed and will continue to run through mid-month. Registration is posted on our website and posts are being run on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest. 19/20 vendors committed. Saved money on ads.
4. **Bill Johnston:** Hazel received a note from Bill’s nephew, sent a letter with condolences and requesting help to track down the Chamber’s signs.
5. Reminder Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm at Round A Bout we will have an evening Board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tourism:** Dave clarified the tourism committee functions, their expectations of the Chamber and our shared website. Dave will attend Chamber meetings on behave of tourism. Emily to return emails on what misc. expenses are. We are getting charged for tourism attending meeting and admin charges. Will set up a meeting with Emily to discuss issues. Hazel will schedule meeting for the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
  2. **Electronic sign:** We have been experiencing many, many problems recently. Kassie spoke with sign vendor and they have a fix, but it will cost \$850 normal cost is \$1500. Includes software installation, hardware, firmware, labor, but not travel at \$60 per hour. Hazel will call on this and talk with main person and Emily to work on getting sign to work properly. Suggested to split cost between Tourism, Chambers, and School. Need to have some funds set aside for any repairs to sign
  3. **Taste of Siren:** Vendors set. Will contact Jake or Dana. Will do 150 tickets. Will check with Chris about value of grand prize.
  4. April reached out to Rachel at school about Chambers \$500.00 total funds for scholarship. Possibly 2 applicants with requirements for essay and Chambers to decide on top two.
  5. Membership meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at Pheasant Inn. Humane Society and Kevin Shelter will be speaking.
- Meeting adjourned -

Next monthly meeting set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12pm. Village Hall  
Josie submitted